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# FABLE I.

## *The* Old Ape *and her* Young Cubs.

AN Ape that had Twins, like a foolish fond Mother,
Lov'd one to diſtraction, but hated the other;
Tho' the latter's neglected and kept out of Sight,
Yet the Darling muſt lie with her every Night.
But once in her Sleep, thro' a cloſe Corniſh Hug,
She ſqueez'd out the Breath of her favourite Pug.

*Thus*

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*Thus Parents, whose Love to their Children is blind,*
*To those they indulge most, are cruelly kind.*

## FABLE II.

## *The* COCK *and* DIAMOND.

A Cock once scraping on a Dunghill found
A precious Jewel sparkling on the ground:
This, to some proper Judge, he cry'd might be
Esteem'd a Treasure, tho' 'tis none to me.

*Thus in the tasteless Age, true Wit gives place*
*To gross Obscurity, and crud Grimace.* FA

# FABLE III.

## *The* BOYS *and the* FROGS.

TWO wild wanton Boys, near a Pond (of Clay;
at their Play,
Long pelted the Frogs in't with hard lumps
The[illegible]ry thus alarm'd, one more wiſe
than the Reſt,
With an Air of concern, thus the Chil-
dren addreſt,
Conſider, dear Lads, what Miſchief you're
doing, (Ruin.
Tho' pleaſing your Sport, you effect our

*While*

*While Youth are in bloom, impreſs on their*
*Mind,*
*How Praiſe-worthy 'tis to be gentle and kind.*

## FABLE IV.

## *The* APE *and the* CAT.

THO' the Ape here, 'tis true, [illegible]s a
dextrous Part,
Yet the Cat her old Friend ſhows no Fore-
caſt or Art:
When ſhe holds out her Paw at her Com-
rade's Deſire,
To take out the Cheſnuts that glow in the
Fire; Too

Too ſoon ſhe perceives that her Share is
the Pain,
And her Friends, without Danger, reap
all the Gain.

*Thus a good-natur'd Bond's-man is often un-*
*done,*
*By diſcharging a Debt that is none of his own.*

## FABLE V.

## *The* FOX *and the* CROW.

AS wily Reynard view'd with wiſhful
Eyes,
A Crow poſſeſs'd of a dilicious Prize;
Like

Like a gay Courtier, with deluſive tongue,
He prais'd her Voice, and begg'd one melting Song,
Proud to oblige, and thoughtleſs of the Cheat,
She made the vain Attempt, and dropt her Meat.

*Thus by falſe Vows the artleſs Virgin's won,*
*And by her fond Credulity undone.*

## FABLE VI.

## *The* DOG *and the* BEE.

A Bee ſtung a Maſtiff, and for the ſmart
Action
He runs to the Hive, and demands Satis-
faction. While

While he's ſtorming their Caſtle, around him there flies
A whole Army of Foes, and ſting out his Eyes.
*Put ſmall Affronts up; for if one won't content ye,*
*'Tis very great Odds, but you ſoon meet with twenty.*

## FABLE VII.

## *The* HORSE *and the* STAG.

A Stag and a Horſe in a Combat engag'd,
The laſt was o'ercome, and with Malice enrag'd, To

To Man flies for Aid, and again takes
the Field,
And thus reinforc'd, makes the Victor
soon yield:
But no real Joy from this Conquest ac-
cru'd,
For the Loss of his Liberty thereon ensu'd,
He was forc'd ever after to champ the
hard Bit,
To feel Whip and Spur and yet tamely
submit.

*Those Pleasures are doubtless too dearly pro-*
*cur'd,*
*Where a whole Age of Pain must be after en-*
*dur'd.*

# FABLE VIII.

## *The* ANT *and the* FLY.

A Gay fluttering Fly thus upbraiding an Ant,
*I dine with the King, whilst you live in Want:*
The Pismire reply'd, tho' you live at your Eaſe,
And at preſent, indeed, do juſt [illegible]
Yet where-ever you go, you're pert, haughty and rude,
And into the Glaſſes and Diſhes intrude;
For the Emblem of Sloth, you are very well known,
Live on others' hard Labour, but not on your own.

I work it is true, but then I'm belov'd,
And whatever I do, by the World is approv'd.

*Thus some indolent Fops, like this vain Summer Fly,*
*Cut a Figure a while, but at last beg or die.*

## FABLE IX.

## MERCURY *and the* TORTOISE.

GReat Jove being gay, made a general Treat,
For all his good Creatures both little and great.

All

All went, but the Tortoiſe, their Duty to
pay,
The Deity frown'd at her ſaucy Delay;
Accounting her Abſence no leſs than high
Treaſon,
And Mercury ſent to know what was the
Reaſon;
My Reaſon is this, Sir, ſhe ſaid with Sub-
miſſion,
I'm very well pleas'd with my humble
Condition,
And had rather continue at Home in my
Shell,
Than go gadding abroad to live ever ſo
well.

*Thus the Poor their coarſe Fare can with Plea-*
*ſure digeſt,*
*And Content is to them a continual Feaſt.*

## FABLE X.

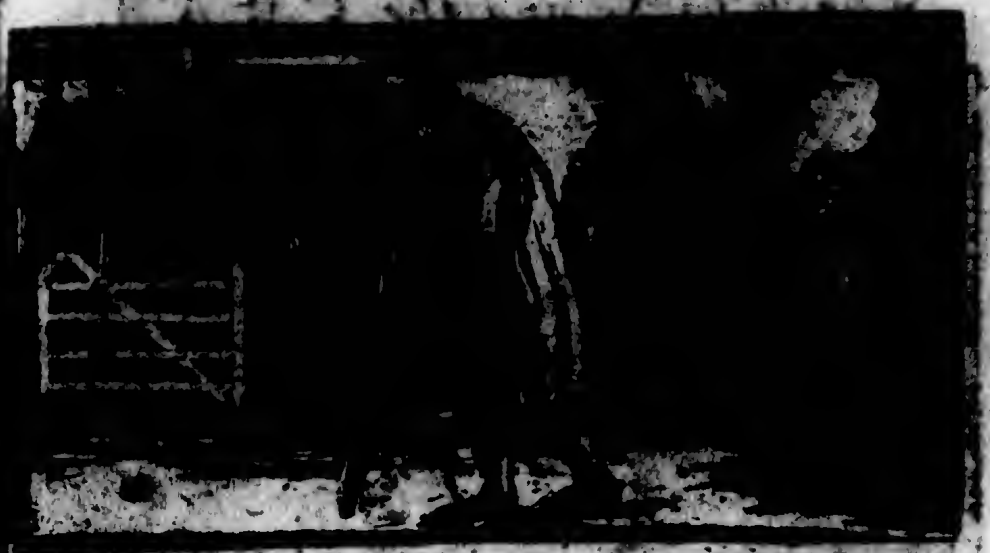
## *The* STAG *and the* VINE.

A Fruitful Vine, like a true faithful Friend,
Shelter'd a hunted Stag, quite out of Wind;
Safe for a while, he lay within her Shade,
Till the ungrateful Wretch himself betray'd;
All Danger past, as vainly he conceives,
He ſtript his Benefactreſs of her Leaves.
By this vile Act, expos'd to View he lies;
The Hounds return, and he with Juſtice dies.

*Thus abject Miſcreants make their Friend their Prey,*
*And by their Villainy themſelves betray.* FA-

# FABLE XI.

## *The* BOY *and the* BEGGAR.



A Lad thus addreſs'd an Old Man of
foreſcore,
Who was bent like a Ram's Horn, and
begg'd at the Door:
What, Daddy, not dead yet? ſince you
want Money ſo, (Bow?
Pray tell me the Price of your crooked old
"Save thy Money, pert Fool; for tho'
now thou art young,
"Thou'lt have ſuch another for nothing
ere long."
*To treat with Deriſion old Age in Diſtreſs,*
*Is a Crime too enormous for Words to expreſs.*

## FABLE XII.

## *The* FOX *and the* CRAB.

A Reſtleſs Crab in the Ocean bred,
Stroll'd out, and in a Meadow fed;
But by a Fox, was ſoon eſpy'd,
Soon made his Prey and juſtly dy'd.
For had he ſtay'd at Home contented,
All had been well, his Fate prevented.

*Uneaſy Fools who Buſineſs quit,*
*And aim at Marks they near can hit,*
*The Pain of ſure Miſcarriage bear*
*For rambling in a foreign Sphere.*

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